Train Accidents

1861. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway accidents, month-wise, in 1995 together with the number of persons killed, seriously injured and estimated value of the Railway and private property lost, separately;

(b) the number of persons killed because of train collisions and in accidents at level crossing in 1995; and

(c) what concrete steps have been taken to remedy the 'staff failure' and how many unmanned railway crossing in each State have been guarded in 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Details are as under:—

Month	Total No. of consequential train accidents	No. of persons		Cost of damage to Railway Property (Rs. in lakhs)
		Killed	Seriously Injured	
January' 95	30	20	26	118.13
February' 95	42	32	13	347.09
March' 95	46	16	4	194.12
April' 95	25	4	2	72.87
May' 95	33	67	46	247.97
June' 95	30	60	72	394.46
July' 95	29	11	7	766.88
August' 95	34	320	166	580.93
September' 95	29	18	11	521.77
October'95	35	5	3	225.79
TOTAL (Jan.-Oct.' 95):	333	553	350	3,470.01

NOTE: 1. Information regarding cost of damage to private property is not maintained.

2. Figures are provisional.

(b) Number of persons who lost their lives in collisions and level crossing accidents in 1995 was 376 and 103, respectively.

(c) Following steps have been taken to remedy the staff failures:—

(i) Nearly 17,000 drivers with less than 10 years of service have been specially screened during the last one year and the needy were given out-of-course crash training.

(ii) Nearly 60,000 staff attended safety camps during the last one year.

(iii) Training of staff has been given new thrust with better training facilities.

(iv) Two simulators—one each at Kanpur and Tughlakabad—have been installed for training of drivers. More simulators are being acquired.

(v) Drivers are given breathalyser tests to check if they have consumed alcoholic drinks before start of duty. Special surprise checks are also conducted.

(vi) Frequency of inspections and surprise checks has been increased. More safety drives have been launched.

(vii) Priority execution of track circuiting on all trunk route and main line stations.

(viii) Change in signalling circuitry to prevent slot being given till starter and advance starter for the previous train have been put back.

(ix) Auxiliary warning system for giving advance warning about signals at danger to driver of the running train and stopping of the train if the driver does not respond within the pre-determined time interval has been commissioned on Bombay suburban section.

(x) Flasher lights have been provided on locomotives to give indication of emergency position to drivers of other trains running from opposite direction so that they are alerted.

(xi) Communication facility between station staff, driver and guard of running trains will be provided.

(xii) Stringent penalty to the extent of dismissal/removal from service is being imposed on staff causing serious accidents.

329 unmanned level crossings have been manned in 1995. State-wise data is not maintained. Railway-wise break-up is:

Central Railway	54
Eastern Railway	1
Northern Railway	46
North Eastern Railway	13
Southern Railway	67
South Central Railway	60
Western Railway	88
TOTAL:	329

Entry of Foreign Car Manufacturers

1862. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several car companies from abroad are entering India;

(b) if so, their Indian partners and the number of cars likely to be imported annually into the country;

(c) the foreign exchange involved; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure that they do not over-step the quotas allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian and foreign partners in the joint ventures approved for manufacture of cars during the last three years are:

	Indian Partner	Foreign Partner
(i)	Hindustan Motors	General Motors of USA
(ii)	Premier Automobiles Ltd.	Peugeot of France